



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B**

March 15, 2019

Mayor Muriel Bowser
Mayor
Government of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004
muriel.bowser@dc.gov

Chairman Phil Mendelson
Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20004
pmendelson@dccouncil.us

RE: Funding for the Proposed Extension of the DC Circulator's Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn Route to U Street NW and Howard University

Dear Mayor Bowser and Chairman Mendelson:

At its regular meeting on March 13, 2019, the Dupont Circle Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC 2B” or “Commission”) considered the above-referenced matter. With 9 of 9 Commissioners in attendance, a quorum at a duly-noticed public meeting, the Commission approved the following resolution by a vote of (9-0-0):

WHEREAS, the lack of a direct, regularly scheduled thru transit connection between the major activity centers of Dupont Circle, U Street, LeDroit Park, and Howard University, as well as the western destinations of Rosslyn and Georgetown served by the DC Circulator's current route, creates inconvenience and financial burden for residents and visitors to those areas wanting to travel among them,

WHEREAS, the lack of a transit bridge between these areas results in greater use of passenger vehicles, which is contrary to the District's environmental and sustainability efforts,

WHEREAS, the District Department of Transportation's (DDOT) updated 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan (TDP) outlines the strategic priorities of the DC Circulator system in the coming years and was produced using input and feedback from robust stakeholder and community engagement,

WHEREAS, one of the proposed route extensions would connect the already existing Rosslyn – Georgetown – Dupont Circle route to U Street NW and Howard University,

WHEREAS, during the public survey, approximately 82 percent of respondents from across the District ranked high interest for this extension,

WHEREAS, the benefits of the proposed extension include but are not limited to:

- Increased ridership by extending the route to additional major activity centers
- Adding a connection to Metrorail’s green and yellow lines
- Providing transfers to the DC Circulator’s Woodley Park – Adams Morgan – McPherson Square Metro route at 14th Street and U Street NW
- Improved connectivity to and from Metrobus’ 5A DC – Dulles Airport route at the Rosslyn Metrorail Station
- Improved connectivity to and from the West End Public Library
- Improved connectivity to and from the campuses of:
 - Howard University Hospital
 - George Washington University Hospital
- Improved connectivity to and from the campuses of:
 - Howard University
 - George Washington University
 - Georgetown University
- Improved connectivity to and from the DC Public School campuses of:
 - Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
 - Cardozo Education Campus
 - C.H.O.I.C.E. Academy Washington Met.
 - Cleveland Elementary School
 - Garrison Elementary School
 - Marie Reed Elementary School
 - Oyster-Adams Bilingual School
 - Ross Elementary School
 - School Without Walls at Francis-Stevens
 - Hyde-Addison Elementary School
- Improved connectivity to and from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) facilities of:
 - Banneker Pool and Community Center
 - Harrison Recreation Center and Spray Park
 - Marie Reed Recreation and Aquatic Center
 - Stead Park and Recreation Center
 - Francis Pool
- Providing late-night public transit options and connectivity to major nightlife activity centers such as U Street, Upper 14th Street, Adams Morgan, Dupont Circle and Dupont Circle’s “Club Central,” and Georgetown,

WHEREAS, ANC 2B passed a resolution in October of 2017 supporting DDOT’s draft 2017 DC Circulator Transit Development Plan, which included a plan to extend the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route, and

WHEREAS, community members and District leaders are currently engaged in the DC FY 2020 budget process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ANC 2B reaffirms its support for DDOT’s proposal to extend the DC Circulator’s current Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route to Howard University by way of 18th Street and U Street NW, as this proposed route would provide a low-cost, one-seat ride along a major underserved travel corridor

in the District. Such an extension would enhance mobility for residents, workers, and visitors in ANC 2B and the District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2B encourages Mayor Bowser and the DC Council to approve funding in DC's FY 2020 budget that supports the ability to adequately expand the DC Circulator fleet to permit reliable operation of the Dupont Circle – Georgetown – Rosslyn route extension.

Commissioners Randy Downs (2B05@anc.dc.gov) and Daniel Warwick (2B02@anc.dc.gov) are the Commission's representatives in this matter.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Warwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Daniel Warwick
Chair